Minority Bankers to Hold 50th Convention

The National Bankers Association, the trade group for minority-owned and operated banks, is holding its 50th annual convention in Houston, Texas on October 11-15.

With a theme of "Fifty Years of Service," the convention of the National Bankers Association (NBA) is expected to be one of the largest in the Association's history. All meetings will be held at the Sheraton-Houston Hotel. NBA also includes banks owned by women.

Co-hosts of the convention are Dr. Carl M. Carroll, President, Riverside National Bank, and Clarence Calloway, Director, King State Bank, both of Houston.

Among the convention key note speakers are Vernon Jordan, Executive Director of the National Urban League, and John G. Heimann, Comptroller of the Currency. Jordon, who will speak at the opening session on Wednesday morning, October 12, will report on the recent Black leadership summit meeting and outline the crisis facing Blacks, other minorities and the poor.

NBA President James C. Purnell, President, Liberty Bank of Seattle, described the convention agenda as "substantive and serious."

"Minority banks, as is the minority community are facing some critical issues which will be discussed with key representatives of the Carter Administration, the Federal Government and private industry. We will take a close look at the state of the economy and, more specially, how to improve and strengthen the financial position of our minority banks."

Other subject areas which will be discussed at the convention include: "Marketing the Minority Bank Deposit Program - Initiatives by the Department of Treasury," "Characteristics of High Earning Banks," "The Outlook for Business, Banking, and Bank Capital," "The Present Economy - How It Affects Small Banks," and "Executive Stress."

In addition to Jordan and Heimann, other keynote speakers include: William C. Beers, Chairman of the Board, Kraft, Inc.; Horace Dunagan, Chairman, Bank Administration Institute; Dr. James Tucker, Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Va.; Dr. Paul Nadler, Professor of Business Adminstration, Rutgers University; Liddon McPeters, President, American Bankers Association; Samuel L. Foggie, President United National Bank of Washington, D.C.; Dr. William M. Baughn, Dean, School of Business, University of Colorado; David Mosso, Fiscal Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Department of Treasury and Dr. Berkeley G. Burrell, President, National Business League.

Dr. Burrell has been named the recipient of NBA's top award for his outstanding leadership in and contributions to the field of minority business. He will be honored and then speak at the Awards Banquet on Friday night, October 14.

The convention will close on Saturday, October 15, with a business session, elections and then a meeting of the newly elected board of directors. Robert F. James, President of Carver State Bank, Savannah, Georgia, is president-elect of NBA and will succeed Purnell.

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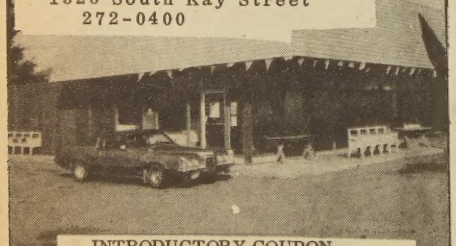

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She said,"I love another".
I wrote a peom for mother, who read it twice.
She said,"Son, that's nice".
I wrote a peom for my best friend.
He said,"Friend, why do you do it"?
I wrote a peom for myself.
I said,"Sometimes I just want to do it"!

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News From Tacoma Boys Club

NEW HOURS FOR THE BOYS CLUB

As of September 7, 1977, the new hours for the Boys Club are as follows: Monday through Friday, 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIPS

Starting December 1, 1977, the cost of the membership cards will be $3.00 per person 8 years through 17 years of age. And $5.00 for 18 years and over. Everyone must have a membership card so they may participate in the activities at the Boys Club. (December '77-'78.)

BOXING

November 7, 1977 will be the first boxing meeting. The time will be 7:30 p.m. For anyone interested please attend. For further information contact Andy White.

ARTS & CRAFTS

On Thursday, October 13, 1977 decoupage will be worked on with another big surprise this week.

BASKETBALL

Our first basketball sign-ups will be held November 12, 1977. The following Saturday we'll start our first basketball clinic. For further information contact Andy White.

PARENTS CLUB MEETING

Parents Club Meeting is to the third Thursday, October 20, 1977. All parents are welcome to attend.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Boys Club Halloween Party this year will be held on October 31, 1977. Watch the paper for the time and place.

FOOTBALL

Small Fry - T.B.C. Colts killed a hard trying N.W.B.C. Raiders 26-0. Outstanding offensive player for the second week in a row was Anthony Alexander with 158 yards and 3 touchdowns. Also to help the scoring drive was James King with a 55 yard touchdown run. To stop all hopes for the N.W.B.C. the defensive team looked and played an excellent football game. Next game is Sunday, October 16, 1977. The T.B.C. Colts will play S.E.B.C at 1:00 p.m. at Stewart Heights.

Pee Wee - The T.B.C. Rams suffered their first defeat this season by the hands of the W.E.A.C. with the score of 12-8. Time and bad defense caused a loss for the Rams, but, they made a heck of a come back. Next game will be Sunday, October 16, 1977. T.B.C. Rams versus S.E.B.C. at 3:00 p.m. at Stewart Heights.

CHEERLEADERS

Any girls between the ages of 8-14 who want to be a Boys Club Cheerleader have to sign up at the Boys Club office. For further information contact Deon Gates at 272-3044

DANCE

The Boys Club will have a dance on Tuesday of next month at the Lost Night Club at 10707 Pacific Avenue. Watch the paper for further information or contact Jeff Fletcher at 272-3044.

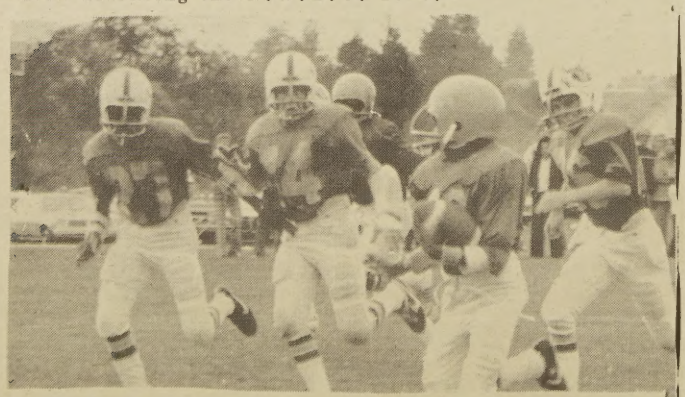
VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the key to the operation of a very successful Boys Club. If you or anyone you might know are interested in being volunteer so that we might expand our groups at the downtown Boys Club contact Hank Rivers or Jeff Fletcher at 272-3044 between 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

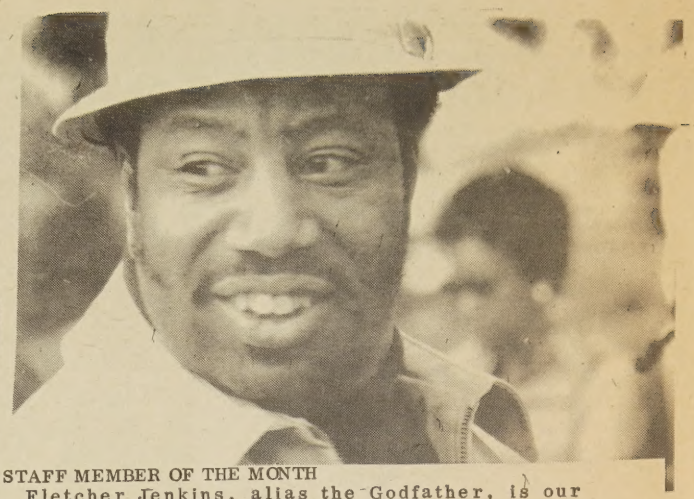
HOT ICE

This group will be performing at the Bicentennial Pavillion at 13th and Martket Street, Saturday, October 15, 1977.

The T.B.C. Colts stopping to take a quick picture after defeating the N.W.B.C. 26-0.



Goodlow trying to out run tacklers in their first defeat 12-8.



STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Fletcher Jenkins, alias the Godfather, is our choice for staff member of the month. He is the downtown Boys' Club Director and works hard trying to keep the programs running so we may have a successful boys' club.

The Romans called the bear ursus, which means the bruiser.

1978 Medicare General Enrollment Period Approaching

The 1978 Medicare general enrollment period is January through March, giving those persons eligible, but who don't have this health insurance, an opportunity to gain this valuable protection, according to William Ross, Social Security District Manager in Tacoma.

Those eligible to sign up for Medicare's medical insurance, which helps pay doctor bills and other covered services and supplies, include people who failed to sign up during their earlier opportunities and those who once had this insurance but who dropped it.

Also, people 65 and over who are not otherwise eligibile for the hospital insurance part of Medicare can sign up to buy this protection from January through March, but only if they also sign up for medical insurance.

Protection for people who sign up for either or both parts of Medicare will begin July 1, 1978, Ross said.

The basic premium for medical insurance through June 1978 is $7.70 a month, Ross noted. The hospital insurance premium is $54 a month through June 1978. The basic monthly premiums for medical insurance and hospital which will be effective starting July 1978 will be announced later this year.

A provision of the law will probably make the medical insurance premium even higher for those who sign up for it during the general enrollment period, Ross continued. The basic premium is increased by 10 percent for each 12 months a person could have had this protection but did not elect to take it.

The Tacoma Social Security Office is located at 1208 South 10th Street. The telephone number is 593-6360. Ross stressed that people can take care of most of their Social Security business over the telephone.

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TACOMIAN CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Mathes surrounded by children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

By Rebecca Davis

A gala party was given recently for Mrs. Matilda Mathes at the home of her son, Clarence Mathes, 10711 So. Ainsworth. The occasion was Mrs. Mathes' eightieth birthday, and many friends and relatives were in attendance.

Mrs. Mathes, a native of Arkansas, moved with her husband to Tacoman in 1949 to be near five of her eight children who reside here. As the proud grandmother of eighteen and great grandmother of another thirteen children, Mrs. Mathes expressed her desire to "make it to ninty". With her zest for living and youthful good looks there are none who doubt that she will.

HEALTH ISSUE GROUP TO MEET

The Metropolitan Development Council's Health Issue Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 13, 1977 at the Eastside Neighborhood Center 1720 East 44th.

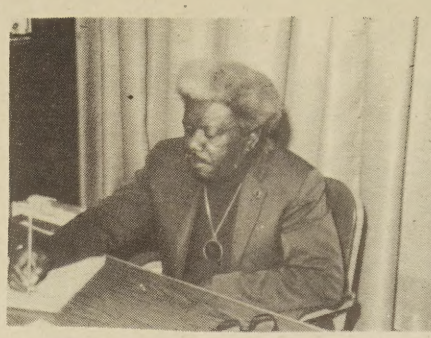
The Health Issue Group is a citizens group designed to provide information and advocacy for low income persons concerned about health and health problems in Tacoma.

On the agenda will be discussion of the 77 - 78 work programs, a membership drive and the National Directors' Conference in Philadelphia.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS PEOPLE OF TACOMA

By Floyd Davis



Roger Laskey was born in Chester, Virginia, in 1923. He came from a large family of eight brothers and sisters. Like so many young men, he joined the service and attempted to see the world. He finished his world tour in Tacoma in 1963 and has lived here since.

He has spent time working for Boeing Aircraft and Computer Ideas. He has been very active in the community at a time when it was not popular or rewarding. His present activities include the management of The Minority Musicians and Entertainers Association at 1306 So. K. The idea behind the Association is to "provide a minimum of one hundred enrollees with access to classroom training to improve or revitalize their technical techniques in the utilization of their instruments."

Roger lives on So. 15th Street, and attends Betheleham Church.

An African chieftain, when choosing an English name, dubbed himself "Oxford University Press."

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Left to right: MWG Master Jimmy Simmons, Deputy G Master Carlton Tucker, Grand Senior Warden Charles Stubblefield, Grand Junior Warden Billy Morris, Grand Secretary Jasper Warren, Grand Treasurer Isiah Simon.

Grand Patron Columbus Black and wife.

Some of the guests at the reception.

On October 1, 1977, a reception was given in honor of our Most Worshipful Grand Master Jimmy Simmons. This was made possible by Hamma Hamma Lodge #35 and Madrona Chpater #14 O.E.S. of Bremerton,Washington. This affair was held at the Heartstone Restaurant, Bremerton, Washington.

It was a most enjoyable evening with over two hundred in attendance. The staff of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington were with the Grand Master in the receiving line. The Grand Matron Mardine Purnell, Grand Patron Columbus Black were also in the receiving line. Past grand Masters in attendance were P.G.M. J. Allen, P.G.M. L.R. Solomon, P.G.M. S. J. Lake and P.G.M. J. W. Davis.

M.W. Grand Master Jimmy Simmons.

W.M. Sharp of Hamma Hamma Lodge #35.

THE MINORITY MUSICIANS AND ENTERTAINERS ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD ITS FIRST ANNUAL MUSICAL FESTIVAL AND BALL, OCTOBER 14 AND 15, 1977 AT THE TACOMA BICENTENNIAL PAVILION, 13TH AND MARKET STREET. MAYOR GORDON N. JOHNSON WILL PROCLAIM THESE DAYS: MINORITY MUSICIANS AND ENTERTAINERS ASSOCIATION DAYS. HOT ICE, CROSS WINDS, READYMADE FAMILY AND ICE-MAN DISCO WILL PERFORM. TICKETS FOR THE EVENTS ON THE 14TH OF OCTOBER ARE $2.50 PER PERSON, AND $1.00 PER PERSON IN A FAMILY GROUP WHERE CHILDREN ARE 16 AND UNDER.

TICKETS FOR THE 15TH OF OCTOBER ARE $3.50 PRESALE AND $4.50 AT THE DOOR. TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT MUSIC BOUTIQUE, IN TILLICUM, ENTERPRISE RECORDS AT 19TH AND K ST., SKYLARK SERVICE CLUB McCHORD A.F.B., DOWNTOWN BOYS CLUB, 25TH & YAKIMA, TACOMA URBAN LEAGUE, 27TH & YAKIMA, AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE CENTER, 25TH AND TACOMA AVE. SO., AND THE MINORITY MUSICIANS AND ENTERTAINERS ASSOCIATION, 1306 SO. K. CALL 272-9942 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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In Moscow...

U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Patricia Harris arrived in Moscow to discuss Soviet-American cooperation on housing and other construction, TASS said. (UPI photo).

...in new musical...

...elba Moore, who won a Tony ...ard for her performance in "Pur-..." will return in Broadway to co-...r with William Marshall, Eartha ...t and Gilbert Price in the mu-...ical "Timbuktu" based on the ...l musical "Kismet." (UPI)